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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a Reissue application for and on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.171.

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For: POLYMETHINE COMPOUNDS, METHOD OF PRODUCING SAME, AND

USE THEREOF

Enclosed are:

	Specification and claims in double column copy format of U.S. Patent No. 6,342,335 B1 consisting of forty (40) pages					
\boxtimes	Fifteen (15) sheet(s) of formal drawings					
	Certified copy of					
	Executed Declaration (Original Photocopy)					
	Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.					
\boxtimes	Preliminary Amendment					
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Assent of Assignee to Reissue; Establishment of Ownership under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)

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- \boxtimes The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The original duly executed Declaration together with a surcharge will be forwarded in due course.
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Respectfully submitted,

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